

The Berea City Council met in a regular session Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., Mayor Connelly presiding.

A quorum being present Mayor Connelly called the meeting to order.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Jennings, Fields, Bellando, Wagers, Farmer, Little, Kerby, Burnside

OFFICIALS: Gilbert, Stone, Chasteen, Gregory, Curtis, VanWinkle, Schrader, Meeks, Jackson, Kriebel, Blackburn, Eirich, McCay, Taylor

VISITORS: Diana Hays, Scotty and Claudia Rothwell, Sandra Hodges, Al White, Rachael White, Mary Harrell, Lezlie Rothwell Struss, Dan Chapin, Guy & Jean Townsend, Joyce Mosher, David Rowlette, Tim Taylor, Rosanne O'Conner,

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

Tim Taylor, representing Wayside Christian Church ask what the duties of the council are, are they the law makers. Mayor Connelly stated that yes they are the legislative body as required by KRS.83A. He then asked about the Fairness Committee meeting, Councilman Fields announced there will be a meeting next Tuesday in the council chambers at 6:30 that will allow the public to voice their opinions on this matter.

Dr. John Payne, resident of Fairway Drive complemented the Police Department for their compassion and help locating a distressed neighbor recently.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: APRIL 19, 2011

Farmer moved, Wagers seconded to approve the minutes as distributed. All ayes.

RESOLUTION #02-11; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BERE, ADOPTING PLAN I AND ELECTING TO ENTER PLAN II UNDER THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' DEFERRED COMPENSATION AUTHORITY PERMITTING ALL ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF BERE TO DEFER A PORTION OF THEIR COMPENSATIONS.

Corporate Counsel read the Resolution in full. Burnside moved, Fields seconded to approve Resolution #02-11. All ayes.

CENTER STREET-DESIGN OVERLAY DISTRICT – D. VANWINKLE

Mr. VanWinkle, Codes Enforcement Administrator included a draft of the requirements to establish an Overlay District in the packets for the council to review. He then proceeded to explain the process in accordance to KRS 82.650 – 82.670 that the council must follow once a request is received. It has to be approved and budgeted and a consultant hired. Criteria for the area must be

met, and all property owners are notified. Once pictures and documentation has been created it is then presented by the consultant for an additional meeting to form a consensus from the property owners. The group requesting the Overlay will then meet with the Planning and Zoning Commission at a Public Meeting, the commission will then decide whether or not to vote on it, it will then be sent to the City Council. An ordinance is then created, and two readings of the ordinance will take place, and voted on to become part of the Land Use and Management Ordinance. We currently have two areas of town that are part of the Overlay District; Chestnut Street District, and the Old Town District. Discussion and questions from the council were further explained by Mr. VanWinkle.

Debra Payne, representing the East End of Center Street stated a lot of their issues have already been explained but would like for the council to review the draft she presented them this evening. They would like to see that their neighborhood is preserved through a Design District Overlay. Ms. Payne feels they do have an historical area of town and they would like to see it preserved, most of the neighborhood is of modest style. They would like for the council to consider the funding for the overlay study.

Mayor Connelly stated the administration will need an indication from the council if they will want to budget this, hire a consultant to review the area, and should other areas near Center Street be included in the study? The city had speculated that other areas of town like the East Ridge Neighborhood Association would want to become an overlay district, but no one showed any interest. Council discussed the possibility of including other nearby streets as part of the Center Street study including Jackson, Forest and the west end of Center from the college end. Mr. Vanwinkle suggested to initiate a meeting of the residents in the area to see if there is an interest. Mayor Connelly stated the city will check with Mr. Crankshaw the consultant who assisted has the city on the previous overlay areas. We will then get an estimate of cost and proceed from there.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FACILITATOR DRAFT RFP- MAYOR CONNELLY

Corrections and changes have been made; if you approve the RFP's to be distributed they could be released by May 9th and advertised in mid May and early June and we would request the proposals be in by June 21st. Award of the contract would be around July 19th with the work to be completed by February 28, 2012. Kerby stated she supported the proposal but would suggest that a screening group check references and review any proposals submitted. Burnside nominated Ms. Kerby be the council representative and report back to the council.

AUDIT & FINANCE COMMITTEE – V. BURNSIDE

The committee has received a recommendation to accept the bid of \$93,271.00 for the 550 KW Generator for the Water Treatment Plant from General Power Unlimited. Burnside motioned, Jennings seconded to award the bid. All ayes.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

D. VanWinkle – the Planning Commission has picked a consultant; Dale Hopper to work with us on the Comprehensive Plan for this year. We are considering having a joint meeting with the Planning Commission and the City Council members in the near future.

The Council meetings and the Planning Commission meeting are now being re-played daily on the Government Access Channel 12.

Chief Gregory- this past week-end the Berea Police Department participated in a National Take Back Drug/Prescription initiative. We collected over 10lbs of various prescription drugs. There is a permanent drop box located at the back of the building that residents can drop off old prescriptions at any time.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: R. STONE

- We are diligently working on the cities web-site and hope to have it updated and running by the end of May.
- We have had two Audits in the Police Department in the past week; first was the NCIC which we received a 100%, second was the KLEC Audit; no deficiencies were noted.
- We have received two new police cars; two more are on order as part of this year's budget.
- We have an opening for a Lieutenants position in the Police Department; resumes are being accepted and Mr. Little will serve as the council rep. during the interview process. We are planning to hire three new officers during the coming weeks. Presently two officers are attending the academy.
- The city is still monitoring our water and drainage problems; the G.I.S. Department is working on the cross sections of the drainage on Walnut Meadow road, we will send the modeling on to CDP Engineers. We are also looking into the drainage on O'Donnell Lane and Delwood Avenue.
- The work on the catch basins for the drainage at the top of Center Street and Harrison Rd. started today.
- The Rawlins/Center Street sidewalk radius will be re-evaluated for drainage.
- There are two problems in the Bond Street area; one being a water problem, and there is a retaining wall falling, that the city will repair.
- Ms. Meeks is working on the software program and reviewing the bids.

- We would like to ask to have a part-time person to monitor the web-site daily for all city departments.
- Work on the budget is continuing; and I will schedule a review soon.

Questions: Little asked about the Water Street project; Stone stated it is in the new budget and hope to have it bid out in July or August and work on the area this fall.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

The Japanese Sister City visit is next week; they will arrive in Berea around noon on Tuesday, and will be our guest here at the city at 9am Thursday, you are welcome to attend.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Kerby – thanks Mr. Payne for bringing us good news and offering compliments to our community.

Little – thanks to Mr. Vanwinkle for getting the meetings replayed on the access channel, I think the citizens will enjoy watching them.

Wagers- thanks to the residents of East Center Street for attending this evening, hopefully we can get something resolved.

Bellando- thanks to the citizens who attended the forum last Monday, the meeting was worthwhile, we learned a lot. Based on comments we will do it again. I will not be able to attend the next four meetings due to medical reasons.

Fields – there will be a public meeting regarding the Fairness Ordinance next Tuesday, May 10th at 6:30. Everyone is welcome and you may speak. We would like to get the opinions of the public.

Meeting adjourned: 7:38 p.m.